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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Shinji ASANO et al.
Title: HIGH-STRENGTH RACE AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE
SAME
Appl. No.: 09/996,597
Filing Date: 11/30/2001
Examiner: D. Yee
Art Unit: 1742

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This communication is concurrent with the submission of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and is responsive to the non-final Office Action dated October 17, 2003, and a telephone interview with the Examiner and Martin J. Cosenza (Applicants' representative) on November 17, 2003, where it was agreed that prosecution is closed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and thus an RCE could be filed.

Applicants thank Examiner Yee for extending the courtesy of the telephone interview.

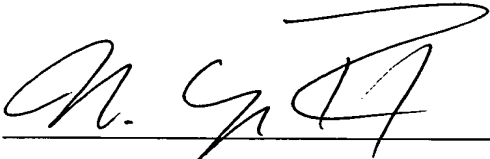
Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or

even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Yee is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

By 

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Date November 17, 2003

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